

Ward 4 and 7 NPA
March 28, 2018
130 Gosse Court Miller Center
Draft Minutes

Steering Committee member present: Matt Cropp-Ward 4, Linda Deliduka-Ward 7, Jim Holway-Ward 4, Jeff Clark-Ward 4, Chris Trombly-Ward 7, Eric Corbman-Ward 4

Start: 7:00pm

Open Comment

Looking for new Steering Committee members. Will be voting on next month. The budget will look at upgrading equipment.

Tony Reddington- Inviting everyone to the 5:30pm community dinner and 2/3 NPA. Pine Street Coalition will be working collaboratively on Champlain Parkway plan. Looking at round about gate way to New North End coming into Old North End and Cambrian Rise. Hope to report on these updates next week.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)- There will be an update next month and will have finalization of how funds were dispersed. Chris Trombly is the CDBG for Ward 7 and Alex Farrell is the representative for Ward 4.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Chapin Spencer, Director and Robert Goulding, Public Information Manager

In 2018 in North End there will be a lot paving. This winter was the worst in the deterioration that ever had. Originally planned for 2 million but due to the deterioration increased budget 50% to 3.2 million which was approved by City Council. North Ave. will get mill and fill from Lakeview to Ethan Allen and from Ethan Allen to Shore will be patched. Mill and fill is talking off the whole layer. A number of the street didn't have proper sub base which was done before engineer requirements. Pleasant will get repaved. On waterfront will be doing Water main replacement. Written in with the contractor that needs to be done when school is on break. The only short term traffic intersection change will be at the Ethan Allen homestead to make a four way stop. Plattsburg Ave will be top priority for paving. Will check with engineers to see if truck traffic can be re-routed to get off belt line off of church or come up North Ave. Check on DPW's project page of project updates and interactive construction map.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW> <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/construction/projects> The construction portal shows the work 2 or 3 years out. There are 7 miles of road that don't have sidewalks Cottage Grove is one of these roads. Do hope to expand sidewalks but ranking the use to prioritize the limited funds. Currently hiring for two engineers so will have more capacity. It's been a challenge due to double and triple the workload and haven't moved faster than would like. DPW manages traffic control. If having issues on an intersection can call customer service Phone 863-9094 to make an assessment.

Elected and Appointed Officials

School Board Update

Martine Gulick-Ward 4 commissioner. This election had the highest percentage of voters that came out. Focus is on improve transparency and interested in finding out where tax money goes to and how it is

being spent. Would like to see a line item budget instead of the PowerPoint presentation. Want to see money going to quality instruction and educators and not to law suits or contractors. Want to improve climate between District leaders and teachers. There is a lack of communication.

Monika Ivancic-Ward 7. Received 97% of the vote. Had a neighborhood meeting on Plattsburg Ave. with parents and teachers. Open to questions and reaching out to New American and low income females. CP Smith will be building 2 or 3 preschool class rooms which will eliminate a playground and an orchard. When originally voted on the bond to improve infrastructure thought it was for existing infrastructure not building new infrastructure. Will be working with constituents to see how they feel. Need to have a discussion on the state level on education. Will both be sworn in next month.

City Council Update

David Hartnett-North District. Next Monday Mayor will give a State of the City and elect a new president of the City Council. It was an interesting election which show that the City is divided. One issue is the F35. The council voted 9 to 3 to send a letter to the federal government to not base. The North End voted to base. Mayor considering to veto F35 City Council vote. Wouldn't be opposed to this. Voted against sending a letter. The letter will question if there is an alternative plane and another mission. The danger is that the feds could not base any planes with us which would hurt local families and economy. Felt that the ballot question was misleading and there was confusion from voters if there would be other missions. Will deal with this issue on 4/19. F35 will be coming soon to be tested and will test the level of noise. Think it will be minimal difference between current F16 and F35. The guard has done their homework going to residents and school to map out fly times for minimal noise in high traffic times.

Ali Dieng-Ward 7. No Ward had half of their register voters show up. Still have work to do. Kirk Wright has the experience and would be a good president and will get his vote. Against the F35 because need to protect the citizen of the people for the future. The F35 is an environmental hazard and don't need war planes in our community. It's not just affecting Burlington but surrounding communities. South Burlington and Winooski Council should also be sending a letter because it affects them too. Brian Pine will be the only new City Council member.

Legislature Update

Representative Gene O'Sullivan-Chittenden 6-2. First serious gun control was passed and up for Governor to sign which he has said will sign. On the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Representative Carol Ode-Chittenden 6-1. House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife. H 422 charter change that 86% of our district voted for. In incidents of domestic violence police can remove guns and the perpetrator will go to court to then have the judge decide to give it back. The house has passed and going to senate. The students have been coming to Statehouse asking for lawmakers to make schools safer. S55 Another gun violence bill consist of multiple components; I protection is if family or police feels that someone is a harm to themselves or others their gun can be taken for 6months. It will be a felony if have on school grounds if intent to do harm. Need to also have a background check if transferring gun to a new owner. Raised the age 18 to 21 to buy firearms and need to go state gun program which is hunter safety course. When people come into the state for shooting competition can bring in high capacity weapon and need to leave the state with them. License firearm dealers would be allowed to sell only until October 2018. After this high capacity firearm will be illegal.

The S55 crossed party lines. There were many Democrats that lived in rural areas who voted against this bill. These mass shooting are often from individuals that are suicidal and dealing with mental health. Putting money in the budget for mental health and suicide prevention programs.

End 9pm

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